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In the claims:

Claims 1-30, 39 and 40 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicant rights in the future to pursue the subject matters in a continuation or divisional application.

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) A method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of coptis chinesis extract.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the cancer is a solid tumor.

33. (Currently Amended) A The method for treating cancer in a subject comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of coptis chinesis extract and of claim 31 further comprising a therapeutic agent.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33, further comprising a protein kinase C inhibitor.

35. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the therapeutic agent is a microtubule-destabilizing agent.

36. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the treating of the coptis chinesis extract and the therapeutic agent is performed in a sequential manner.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein the subject is treated with coptis chinesis extract first, then a therapeutic agent.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein the therapeutic agent is a microtubule-destabilizing agent.